

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



And Mother ought to know what she is talking about

The AUCTION BLOCK

BY REX BEACH

Here we have the tale of a young woman who is thrust by her greedy and lazy family into a world of human vultures to win a fortune with her personal charms. But she surprises them all with her fine traits of character. Her struggles and constant danger are frightening, but she brings help and happiness to men and women who need it much. This is a story with strong pulse.

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the family fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic interviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beauty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions. But Stession, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III—Lorelei attends Millionaire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

CHAPTER IV—Bob Wharton breaks in to the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an affair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insults Lorelei and then jumps in the fountain.

CHAPTER V.

No matter how chaotic the general household schedule, Lorelei was always assured of ten hours' sleep, a dainty breakfast upon rising, and a substantial meal before theater time. Her mother saw to it that this program was religiously adhered to. Inexpensive, also, of her careless disregard of social appointments, she was never permitted to miss one with the hairdresser.



"What D'you Mean by That?" He Cried.

the manœuvre, the massage, or the dozen and one other beauty specialists who form as important an adjunct to the stage woman's career as to that of the woman of fashion. All this was a vital part of that plan to which the mother had devoted herself. No race-horse on the eve of a Derby was groomed more carefully than this budding woman. In preparing her for masculine conquest the entire family took a hand. Her prospects, her actions, her triumphs, were the main topic of conversation; all other interests were subordinated to the matrimonial quest upon which she had embarked, and the three conspirators lived in a constant state of eager expectation over Lorelei's fortunes.

Mother and daughter were loitering over a midday breakfast, and Lorelei, according to custom, was recounting the incidents of the previous evening.

"It's too bad you quarreled with Mr. Wharton," Mrs. Knight commented,

when she heard the full story of Hammon's party. "He'll dislike you now."

The girl shrugged daintily. "He was drunk and fresh. I can't bear a man in such a condition."

"You shouldn't antagonize a man like him, my dear. He's single, at least; and naturally he's impulsive, like all those young millionaires."

"Bob is an alcoholic. He's no good, so Mr. Merkle said."

Jim, who was immersed in the morning paper, spoke from his chair near the window.

"Why don't you go after Merkle himself, sis? Easy picking, these bank-

ers."

Jim also had come home in the still hours of the night before and was now reading preparatory to his daily battle with the world. Just how the struggle went or where it was waged the others knew not at all.

His mother shook her head. "Those old men are all alike. Mr. Hammon will never marry Lillas."

"Is that so?" James abandoned his reading. "The older they are, the softer they get. Take it from me, on the word of a volunteer fireman, Lillas will cash in on him quicker than you think. I know."

"How do you know?" inquired his sister.

"Maybe I got the dogeared dope," mocked the brother. "Maybe Max Melcher told me. Anyhow, you could land Merkle just as easy if you'd declare Max in."

"Now, Jim," protested Mrs. Knight, "I won't let you put such ideas into her head. You and that gang of yours are full of tricks, but Lorelei's decent, and she's going to stay decent. You'd get everybody in jail or in the newspapers."

"Has Maxey ever been in jail? Has Tony the Barber? No, you bet they haven't, and they never will be. This jail talk is funny. Just wait and see how easy Lillas gets hers. Of course, if Lorelei could marry Wharton, that would be different, but he's no snicker."

"How is Lillas going to get hers?" insisted Lorelei.

"Wait and see," James returned to his paper.

"She'll never marry him. She hates him."

Jim laughed, and his sister broke out irritably.

"Why be so mysterious? Anybody would think you'd robbed a bank."

Jim looked up again, and this time with a scowl. "Well, every time I come through with a suggestion makes it a pair of haymakers like you, anyhow? I could grab a lot of coin for us if you'd let me. Why, Maxey has been after me a dozen times about you, but I knew you wouldn't stand for it."

"Blackmail, eh?"

Jim was highly disgusted. "What's the difference how you pronounce it? It spells k-a-l-e, and it takes a good-looking girl to pull off a deal in this town. All right—play for Bob Wharton. I'd like to meet him, though; he can do me a lot of good."

"How?"

"Well, he dropped eight-four hundred in Hebling's Sixth avenue joint the other night. Maxey owns a place on Forty-sixth street where the sky is the limit."

His sister was staring at him curiously. She had voiced misgivings concerning his activities of late, but Jim had never satisfied her inquiries. Now she asked, "What is your share?"

The young man laughed a little uncomfortably. "Forty per cent. That's usual. If he's going to gamble somewhere I might as well be in on it."

The girl's next words, however, left no doubt as to her feelings.

"You're a fine specimen, aren't you?" Her lip curled; mother and son started at the bitterness of the tone. "Ugh! What a mess you've made of things. Two years ago we were decent, and now—"

Lorelei's voice broke; her eyes filled over with tears. "I'd give anything in the world if we were all back in Yale. It took only two years of the city to spoil us."

"Ha! Better try Yale again. You'd end in a straightjacket if you did. You think you could go back, but you couldn't—nobody can after they've had a taste of the city."

"It's all wrong. The whole thing is—rotten. Sometimes I hate myself," Lorelei choked.

Mrs. Knight spoke reprovingly. "Don't be silly, dear. You know we did it all for you. But we're not complaining." Mrs. Knight put added feeling into her words. "We don't want you to live the way we've had to live; we want you to be rich and to have things. After all we've done; after all poor Peter has suffered—"

"Don't!" cried the girl, falteringly. "I think of him every hour."

"He isn't the sort that complains. I consider it very thoughtless of you to behave as you do and make it harder for us." Mrs. Knight sniffed and wiped her eyes, whereupon Lorelei went to her and hid her face upon her mother's shoulder.

"I don't want to be unkind," she murmured, "but sometimes I'm sick with disgust, and then again I'm frightened. All the men I meet are beasts. That whole party was sordid and mean—old men drinking with girls and pawing them over. Mr. Merkle was the only nice one there." The mother was dismayed to feel her daughter shiver.

"Good Lord! You people make me sick," cried Jim, rising and making for his room. "Anybody'd think you'd been insulted."

When he had gone Mrs. Knight asked, accusingly:

"Lorelei, are you in love?"

"No, why?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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THAT WEAK BACK

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NOTICE.

James J. Conway, Attorney at Law. Estate of Maurice T. Moloney, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the last will and testament of Maurice T. Moloney, late of the County of La Salle and State of Illinois, deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said county, on the first Monday (being the fourth day) of June, 1917, at the Probate Court Room, in Ottawa, in said County, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate, are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

Dated the 5th day of April, A. D. 1917.

ANNA J. MOLONEY, Executrix.

NOTICE.

Estate of Charles H. Ornstedt, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament of Charles H. Ornstedt, late of the County of La Salle and State of Illinois, deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said county, on the first Monday (being the 4th day) of June, 1917, at the Probate Court room, in Ottawa, in said county, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

Dated this 12th day of April, A. D. 1917.

MARY ORNSTEDT, Executrix.

NOTICE.

Elmer E. Roberts, Attorney. Estate of Alvina Hook, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of Alvina Hook, late of the County of La Salle and State of Illinois, deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said county, on the first Monday (being the 4th day) of June, 1917, at the Probate Court room, in Ottawa, in said county, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

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WILLIAM T. SUTTON, Executor.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the E. J. Reynolds Sand Company, an Illinois corporation, that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of said company to vote upon the following question, viz.,

"Shall the board of directors of this company be increased from three to five members?"

Said special meeting will be held at the principal place of business of said company at Utica, Illinois, on June 11th, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 8:30 A. M. on said day and just prior to the regular annual stockholders' meeting of said company.

You are requested to be present at said special meeting.

JULIA C. LOVE, HOWARD C. CARY, CHARLES J. NISEN, Directors.

NOTICE.

Sealed bids will be received for the construction of the improvement of the Down Town Pavement, etc., of the City of Ottawa, by the Board of Local Improvements and the Council of the City of Ottawa until the 25th day of May, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the city offices in the Central Life Building, in said City of Ottawa, Illinois; at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened.

It is estimated that there will be about the following amounts of work to be done and materials to be furnished: 48,371 sq. yds. of excavation, 2,835 cu. ft. of sandstone curbing, resetting 1,729 lin. ft. sandstone curbing, constructing 60 catch basins, 6,772 cu. yds. concrete foundation, 3,224 cu. yds. of sand, 48,371 sq. yds. of brick pavement, gravel filler for 48,371 sq. yds. brick pavement and 27 tons of asphalt.

Said improvement shall be constructed and made in accordance with the ordinance providing for the same and the maps, plans, and specifications for the same on file in the office of the Public Engineer of said Board.

Proposals must be made on blanks furnished by said Board and in compliance with the instructions thereto attached, which can be had on application to the Public Engineer, and must be accompanied by cash or by a check payable to the order of the President of said Board of Local Improvements in his official capacity, certified by a responsible bank for an amount of not less than ten per cent (10%) of the aggregate of the proposal.

The contractor shall be paid in bonds, bearing the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

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Dated at Ottawa, Illinois, this 15th day of May, 1917.

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W. W. CURT, City Clerk.

GEORGE L. FARNSWORTH, Public Engineer and Secretary of the Board of Local Improvements.